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TWO CENTS.

BRITISH TROOPS IN FURIOUS FIGHTING

Severest Struggle They Have Ever Been Engaged In—Belgium Denuded of Troops—Arrival of the Wounded Tells the Price Which Gen. Haig's Troops Are Paying for Advance

LONDON, July 8.—With the aid of innumerable guns and waves of infantry the British army continues to make slow progress in its effort to bring the front line between the Amer and Montanban on a level with the French line farther south, the French having pushed further ahead than their allies.

This effort on the part of the British has led to the most furious fighting in which the British troops have been engaged. The flower of the German army has been brought forward to oppose them and guns and ammunition are being used lavishly.

According to reports from Holland, Belgium has been denuded of German soldiers to meet the Anglo-French offensive and railway stations, even in larger towns, are guarded by older reservists.

In London the reports of the British commander, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, are awaited eagerly and although the arrival of wounded tells the price which is being paid for the advance, the news of the small gains is being received with quiet satisfaction. Notwithstanding the enormous call on German reserves the German crown prince has resumed the offensive at Verdun and yesterday made further repeated attacks near Toulamont wood without any success. In the east things are moving more rapidly. Advancing along the line of the Latak salient the Russians are now threatening Kovel from three points. Capture of prisoners continues and according to Russian estimates the total for a month's fighting is not far short of a quarter of a million.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Cases Reported in Lowell, Fall River and New Bedford, Mass.

BOSTON, July 8.—One case of infantile paralysis was reported in Fall River today and another at Lawrence, making a total of six known cases in this state. One was reported from Lowell yesterday and three from New Bedford.

SITUATION LOOKS BETTER.

But Secretary Lansing Does Not Say the Crisis Is Over.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 8.—Secretary of State Robert Lansing arrived today at his summer home at Henderson Harbor for a month's vacation. Asked if the Mexican crisis was passed Mr. Lansing said: "I don't know as to that. It looks better."

Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Pastor.



Services for Sunday.

10.30 a. m.—Centennial sermon by Rev. Harry R. Miles of New Haven, Conn. Subject, Honoring the Fathers. The children's story will be told by Rev. Roy M. Houghton of New Haven, Conn. Preaching service followed by communion service at which Rev. Dr. S. H. Lee of Springfield, Mass., and Rev. Dr. George E. Martin of Andover, Mass., will preside. New members will be received by the pastor.

12.00 m.—Session of the Sunday school. The beginners and primary departments will not meet.

7.30 p. m.—Historical paper by Walter A. Gilbert. There will be singing by the choir and a solo by Mrs. W. H. Bond.

The Centennial Program.

SATURDAY, July 8.—3.00 p. m., the church will keep open house in the chapel for an informal social gathering from 3 to 6 p. m. A collection of antiques and curios will be exhibited. Refreshments will be served. The church family and friends are cordially invited.

SUNDAY, July 9.—10.30 a. m., the centennial sermon will be preached by Rev. Harry R. Miles of New Haven, Conn.; 7.30 p. m., the historical paper will be read by Walter A. Gilbert.

SUES DENTIST FOR \$10,000

Sheriff Mann Arrests Holyoke Man in Alienation Suit

PLAINTIFF'S WIFE DIED IN JAMAICA

John C. Crosby of Holyoke Said Not to Have Known of Her Whereabouts Until Notified of Her Death by Dr. Mitivier.

Dr. Oswald Mitivier of Holyoke, Mass., who has a summer home in Jamaica, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff C. E. Mann on a warrant sworn out by John C. Crosby of Holyoke, charging Dr. Mitivier, who is a dentist, with alienating the affections of Mrs. Crosby. The sum of \$10,000 is named as compensation by the plaintiff.

It is understood that Mrs. Crosby disappeared from her home this spring and her husband did not know her whereabouts until he received a telegram from Dr. Mitivier that Mrs. Crosby was dead in Jamaica. This was on May 22.

Dr. Mitivier was brought to Brattleboro and held here pending arrangements for bail. He was taken by Sheriff Mann to Holyoke, where he secured bail. The papers in the suit were from the office of R. C. Bacon.

LAROQUE IS FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Finds That He Was Insane When He Killed Elmer Washburn at Bethel April 25.

WOODSTOCK, July 8.—Peter Laroque, aged 29, who has been on trial here the past two weeks, charged with the murder of Elmer Washburn of Bethel, was acquitted at noon yesterday by a jury which had been out less than two hours. The verdict was not guilty on account of insanity.

Washburn was found on April 25 lying beside the railroad tracks in Bethel with his skull fractured and his face and head badly beaten. He died a few hours later. The state claimed the two men had been at odds and that Laroque had been offered \$500 to put Washburn out of the way. The defense claimed that the respondent was an epileptic and it was during one of these attacks that the deed was committed.

Raymond J. Trainer of White River Junction and March M. Wilson of Randolph represented the respondent and Attorney General H. E. Barber of Brattleboro and State Attorney R. E. Cole of Windsor appeared for the state.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS \$64,111

Revenue to Government \$36,109.86 — Far Ahead of Westfield, Which Has Twice the Population.

The gross receipts of the Brattleboro postoffice for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, were \$64,111.13, an increase of \$6,515.49 over the year before. The net revenue to the government for the year was \$36,109.86. Westfield, Mass., with more than double the population of Brattleboro, reports the year's receipts as \$29,819 and net revenue \$29,592.

BOYD HEARING IS CONTINUED TO 17th

Court Acts on Request of State's Attorney Hughes — Condition of Mrs. Randall Slightly Better.

The hearing of the assault charge preferred against Harry Boyd, driver of the automobile from which Mrs. William M. Randall was thrown or fell on July 3, which was to have been held this morning in the municipal court, was continued to July 17 at the request of State's Attorney Hughes. Mrs. Randall is still in the Memorial hospital and in a critical condition, although showing slight signs of improvement.

AKLEY INJURED IN OX TEAM RUNAWAY

West Brattleboro Man's Shoulder Broken — Haying for John Nesbitt When Ox Was Stung by Bee.

Bert Akley of West Brattleboro met with an accident this morning while at work haying for John Nesbitt. A bee stung one of the oxen, causing them to run away. Mr. Akley was thrown from the wagon and one shoulder was fractured. Dr. George B. Hunter was called.

Now that Wilson and Daniels have joined the bigger maynites, congress might as well make it unanimous.

SPECIAL SESSION EXPECTED JULY 18

It is learned from a reliable source that Governor C. W. Gates will call the special session of the state legislature for Tuesday, July 18, to appropriate money to assist in the payment of the members of the National Guard now in service on the Mexican border. The session would probably have been called for sometime next week, but for the meeting of the Greater Vermont association, accommodations for the legislators not being available.

It has been suggested that the legislative members show their patriotism by voting against the acceptance of pay for the time they are in Montpelier and the suggestion, according to reports, meets with approval throughout the state. The solons, however, are entitled to their mileage at the rate of 20 cents per mile and that, of itself, would net the members a tidy sum.

WANT PLAYERS FOR REGIMENTAL BAND

A Number of Musicians Are Needed to Complete Organization at Fort Ethan Allen.

(Special to The Reformer.)

FORT ETHAN ALLEN, July 8.—Band Headquarters.—The following bandmen are needed to complete the organization of the 1st Vermont regimental band: One piccolo, one E flat clarinet, one B flat clarinet, two B flat cornets, one slide trombone, one B flat bass, one BB bass, one baritone, one tenor drum.

Such applicants as respond to this call will receive careful consideration. The band organization, — the band is composed of the following: One drum major, one bandmaster, one assistant bandmaster, two sergeant bandmen, four corporal bandmen, two first class musicians, four second class musicians, thirteen third class musicians.

The monthly pay for the bandmen is as follows: Assistant bandmaster, \$10; sergeant musicians, \$8; first class musicians, \$6; corporal musicians, \$5; second class musicians, \$3; third class musicians, \$2; cook, \$3.

In answering this call appearance in person is by far more satisfactory, but if communication before appearance is necessary, address all correspondence to Frank C. Dunham, Bandmaster, 1st Vt. Regimental Band, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

OPEN HOUSE AND EXHIBITION TODAY

Many Curious Arranged in Centre Church Chapel — List of Hostesses and Reception Committee.

A large number of curios have been arranged in the Congregational chapel for the exhibition and "open house" this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock in connection with the centennial celebration.

The hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. Richard H. Clapp, wife of the pastor, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, president of the Woman's association, and the following past presidents of the Woman's association: Mrs. C. F. Thompson, Mrs. N. L. Hawley, Mrs. F. A. Whitman, Mrs. E. L. Parker, Mrs. H. F. Houghton, Mrs. H. H. Thompson, Mrs. Fremont Hamilton, Mrs. G. H. Clapp, Mrs. E. L. Waterman, Mrs. H. E. Bond and Mrs. F. A. Wells.

On the reception committee are representatives of early families of the church. They are Mrs. Mary Howe Burton, Mrs. Frederick Holbrook, Miss Mary R. Cabot, Miss Helen E. Thompson of Northampton, Mass., Mrs. May Burnham Moore of New Rochelle, N. Y., Mrs. Nellie Wright Howe of Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. May Burditt Childs, Mrs. Henry Van Kleeck of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Fred C. Brown.

FEWER DEATHS FROM INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The Falling Off, Although Only Slight, Is Regarded as Favorable by Health Experts.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Although this was the hottest day since the beginning of the epidemic of infantile paralysis two weeks ago there were fewer deaths than yesterday. During the 24 hours preceding 10 this morning the plague killed 18 children. Ninety-five new cases of the disease were reported in the five boroughs. During the week just ended 125 deaths took place, 105 in Brooklyn. More than 800 cases were reported. The falling off in number of deaths and new cases during the last three days, although only slight, is regarded as favorable by health experts.

EXPECT ANOTHER BATTLE.

Carranza Forces Prepare to Attack the Villa Bandits.

EL PASO, Texas, July 8.—Carranza forces expect to give battle today to Villa bandits who raided Jimenez, according to a report received in El Paso from General Trevino. The message said 1,200 cavalrymen, supported by 800 infantry, had overtaken the bandits south of Jimenez about 2 o'clock this morning.

If there's war, European agents over here to buy horses might as well go home — Uncle Sam will need them all.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNION

Centre Church Service Just 100 Years After Its First Communion

REMINISCENCES AT EVENING SERVICE

Interesting Remarks by All Living Former Pastors, Four in Number, and by One Who Went Into Ministry from This Church.

Continuing its 100th anniversary celebration, the Centre Congregational church held a centennial communion service in the church yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, which was well attended. It was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Richard H. Clapp, and was a very impressive service on exactly 100 years from the day the first communion service was held in the church when it stood on the common.

The pastor was assisted by four deacons, George H. Clapp, Dr. Ansel I. Miller, Edward C. Crosby and George M. Clay, and Mrs. W. H. Bond sang a solo. A noteworthy fact is that all the living former pastors were present. Rev. Dr. George E. Martin of Andover, Mass., Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Lee of Springfield, Mass., and Rev. Harry R. Miles and Rev. Roy M. Houghton, both of New Haven, Conn. There was also present Rev. Frederick W. Green of Middlebury, Conn., who was born in Brattleboro, united with this church and went out from it to become a minister of the gospel. The original communion cup, which was out of the possession of the church for years and has recently come into its possession again, was used by the pastor.

In addition to the usual form of service Rev. Mr. Clapp spoke as follows in recognition of this particular anniversary service:

"The only permanent element in the life of the Christian church is the spiritual experience of its people. Forms of thought and organization have their day, but they are shorter and cease to be. But the deep, intimate, experiences of the spirit repeat themselves in each generation and are completed in the eternal fellowship of the church of God.

"This church partakes of these eternal values. It has profound and intimate contact with a sturdy and heroic past. One visible link of association with that past is seen in the communion cup on the table here; the cup that was used at the first communion service of the church just one hundred years ago. It is a sacramental witness to the worship and devotion, the faith and hope and love, of that notable day of beginnings.

"So would we by thought and imagination, with eager desire and reverent sympathy, enter into this rich and tender heritage of noble spiritual life. Its benediction is upon us, its grace and truth enrich us immeasurably. Our day, too, is brief, but we share in that over which time and change have no final power. Ours is the high vision and eternal passion, the invincible assurance and undying hope of the generations that have found their way to the God of righteousness and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord."

A meeting for fellowship and reminiscence was held in the evening at 7.30, presided over by the pastor, at which the four former pastors and Rev. Mr. Green were the speakers. It was particularly interesting, the personal side of the church being especially emphasized, which seemed peculiarly appropriate, this taking the place of the usual midweek meeting.

The opening services included a prayer by Rev. Mr. Miles, an anthem by the choir and a solo by Fred C. Adams.

Rev. Dr. Lee, whom the pastor escorted to the platform first, said he came to Brattleboro first to participate in the installation of Rev. Nathaniel Mighill as pastor of this church, coming later to preach in exchange with him. He said that Mary Howe was then beginning to reveal her talent. He spoke of her in a very felicitous way, expressing his pleasure at hearing her the previous evening, and mentioned other recollections. A century of life by a church is both a blessing and an achievement, he asserted, and characterized the work done by this church as being a tremendous force for progress in human history. He congratulated the church upon having had such a train of faithful ministers.

Rev. Dr. Martin regarded the meeting as of supreme and pivotal importance in the series of memorials which the church is keeping. He said the five years of his ministry here were the transitional years in the history of this church. Then he gave reminiscences of some of the salient personalities of the parish during his pastorate, in a style and beauty of language peculiar to Dr. Martin. He mentioned some of their characteristics, weaving them into a fascinating story. Among those whom he mentioned were Edward Crosby, N. E. Cabot, L. F. Adams, George E. Green, B. D. Harris, Charles C. Frost, Henry Burnham, R. W. Clark and Mary E. Wilkins. He said he never had back of him five persons more satisfied.

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ANOTHER RAID IS THREATENED

Newly-Formed Band Which Defeated the Carranza Soldiers Reported to Be Moving North—American Soldiers on the Border Being Held in Readiness to Move to Any Point

D. T. PERRY EXPLAINS DELAY IN ROAD WORK

Only Part of Necessary Trap Rock for Western Avenue Job Received — Advises Patience.

The Reformer has received the following letter from County Highway Supervisor David T. Perry in explanation of the delay in completing the Western avenue highway improvement work:

Editor of The Reformer:—In justice to the good people who live on Western avenue it may be fair to state a reason for the delay in completing the state work on Western avenue. The selectmen of Brattleboro and the county supervisor agreed that a first-class road should be built where the work now is in process. To do that kind of work it is necessary to ship in trap rock from a Massachusetts quarry to be used in the trap course. The trap rock was bought long before the work of preparing the road was started to the end that the work might be completed quickly.

The 21 days of rain in June and the impossibility to get sufficient help has had the same effect of delay in quarrying trap rock that it has had on all other forms of outdoor work, and it has been possible to receive only a part of the order. The delay is beyond the control of those who have the work in charge.

The organization to do the road work has been used on the avenue and also on Flat street to keep the force together while waiting for a shipment of stone to complete the avenue work. Our experience with outdoor work in Brattleboro is no worse than in a thousand other towns. Patience must and should be one of our prime virtues this season, otherwise we may be on the road to unhappiness.

Even in modern road building the process of construction has not reached that state of perfection whereby a first-class road can be built in some back yard and then drawn out in sections in the night and properly placed without disturbing the traveling public and those who live along the work. The men in charge have a feeling for others and are doing their utmost to shorten the time of construction. Meanwhile it is better to keep smiling and remember the deep mud you have waded in for the last 50 years will soon be no more on a part of Western avenue.

We have the assurance of a shipment of rock by next Tuesday.

Respectfully,

D. T. PERRY,

County Supervisor.

CAPT. GIBSON COMING TO DO RECRUITING

Will Arrive This Afternoon to Stay Over Sunday — Expects to Leave for Border in Few Days.

Capt. E. W. Gibson, commanding Company I, V. N. G., of Brattleboro and at present one of the two captains in charge of the recruiting camp at Fort Ethan Allen, will arrive in town late this afternoon and be here tomorrow on recruiting duty. He expects to return to camp either tomorrow night or Monday and to leave in a few days with all recruits for the border.

Frederick Thompson, who has been the clerk of the company at the camp, came to town yesterday afternoon doing preliminary recruiting work. He expects to return to camp tomorrow or on Capt. Gibson's arrival.

The boys at the camp are drilling seven hours a day and the camp is now under strict military discipline.

FIRE CHIEF NAMES HIS ASSISTANTS

Streeter Re-appoints W. A. Shumway and Appoints Leon C. White to Succeed A. A. Smith, Resigned.

Fire Chief Frank C. Streeter has named W. A. Shumway and Leon C. White assistant chiefs of the department, the chief having the appointive power of all members of the department.

Mr. Shumway has been assistant chief several years and Mr. White had been captain recently of the ladder truck. Mr. White's appointment was due to the resignation from the department of Assistant Chief Albert A. Smith, who resigned when Chief Streeter was appointed.

A successor as captain of the ladder truck has not been named.

Love may be blind, but it is seldom deaf or dumb.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 8.—For more than 200 miles eastward from El Paso American troops were being held in readiness today to move to any point on the border that might be threatened by the newly organized bandits in Chihuahua.

Early morning reports to General Funston added nothing to the rumors of yesterday, most important of which was warning from the de facto government of Mexico that bandits who defeated the Carranza soldiers near Jimenez were believed to be moving northward opposite Presidio, Texas.

Colonel Gaston, commanding the American forces in the Big Bend district, was authorized by General Funston to make such disposition of his troops as he deemed wise to prevent the bandits from crossing the river. Although taking all precautions and not minimizing the reports that Villa himself is at the head of the new organization of bandits army officers today were not inclined to believe the bandits would attempt any movement in force toward the north, especially if led by Villa.

Washington, July 8.—Further reports on the fight in which bandits overwhelmed a Carranza force near Corralitos in southern Chihuahua was looked for today by Eliseo Arellano, Mexican ambassador designate, and the state department, to which he promised to communicate the information. Of general interest to officials was the question of whether the outlaw band included Francisco Villa and whether it is bound for the American border to make another raid, the possibility of which Carranza mentioned in a special communication to the American government yesterday.

War department officials express doubt whether any bandit force would attempt another attack such as that on Columbus, N. M., and pointed out that the distance from Corralitos to the nearest border point is 165 miles and the route is over a desert. Preparations will be made to guard against any possible attack, however.

JUDGE WATERMAN SEEKS \$16,000

Appeals from Commissioners in Estate of Judge J. L. Martin—Involves Partnership Account.

An appeal from the decision of the commissioners in the estate of the late Judge James L. Martin has been filed in the office of the county clerk. It is in the interests of Judge E. L. Waterman of the superior court, for many years a law partner of Judge Martin, who seeks to have the business of the firm settled.

The action involves the withdrawal of funds from the firm's account by both partners and the question of an alleged agreement of the partners to put their respective salaries as district attorney and probate judge into the firm's account. According to the papers Judge Waterman claims there is about \$16,000 his due from the estate of his former partner as the result of overdrafts from the firm's account.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROOMS AND MEALS

Montpelier Board of Trade Will Care for All Who Attend Greater Vermont Association Meeting.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, July 8.—Citizens of Montpelier, through the board of trade, will make arrangements for rooms and meals for all who attend the Greater Vermont association meeting July 12 and for furnishing garage facilities for all automobiles. Notices as to rooms, meals and garage service should be sent to L. A. Kelly, secretary.

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